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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANT: Roland Lippoldt

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FOR: Locking Device for a Closure with a Housing

EXAMINER: Dinesh Melwani

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AMENDMENT

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Sir:

This is a response to the Office Action dated January 16, 2004 (a request for a three-month extension of time being enclosed), in which the Examiner requested that a substitute specification be filed, objected to the drawings, rejected Claims 1-7 and 9-19 for allegedly being indefinite, rejected Claims 1-3, 5-16, and 18-19 as being unpatentable over the prior art, and indicated that

Claims 4 and 17 would become allowable upon having been rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claim(s).

The Examiner's indication of the allowability of Claims 4 and 17 is noted with appreciation.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows: